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SUBJECT: BONN GROUP PAPER REQUESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS AT  
OSLO MEETING

REF: BONN 12329 ( NOTAL)

1. WE THINK DRAFT SUBMITTED TO BONN GROUP BY EMBASSY  
( REFTEL) IS EXCELLENT. WE REALIZE THAT OTHER BONN  
GROUP PARTICIPANTS WILL NO DOUBT BE SUBMITTING THEIR  
OWN THOUGHTS, AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TO COMPLICATE  
JOB OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON TEXT. WE HAVE, HOWEVER,  
TWO TENTATIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS.

2. MANY OF PROBLEMS TOWARD WHICH PAPER IS DIRECTED  
SURFACE AT UN OR UN-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS AND  
CONFERENCES. IT MIGHT THUS BE USEFUL TO WORK IN  
REFERENCE TO QUADRIpartite DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER  
1972, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ENTRANCE  
OF TWO GERMAN STATES INTO UN CHANGED NOTHING AS FAR  
AS BERLIN IS CONCERNED, A POINT WHICH WE FEARED MIGHT  
OTHERWISE BE LOST UPON SOME OF THAT ORGANIZATION'S  
LESS SOPHISTICATED MEMBERS.

3. WE ALSO WONDER WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE USEFUL TO  
INCLUDE A BIT MORE ON STATUS OF EAST BERLIN WHICH IS  
NOW DEALT WITH ONLY INDIRECTLY. WE APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE  
OF NOT APPEARING PROVOCATIVE, BUT IT STRIKES US  
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THAT, DESPITE A SENTENCE SUCH AS THAT IN SECTION V

" THE FOUR POWERS, IN FACT, CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THEIR QUADRIpartite RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN ALL FOUR SECTORS OF GREATER BERLIN") THE MEANING OF WHICH WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE COGNOSCENTI, MANY RECIPIENTS MIGHT CONSIDER PAPER CONFIRMATORY OF EASTERN POSITION THAT BERLIN PROBLEM IS ONLY A WEST BERLIN PROBLEM AND THAT SOVIET-GDR POSITION ON STATUS OF EAST BERLIN IS ESSENTIALLY SOUND. SLIGHTLY FULLER TREATMENT OF ALLIED POSITION OF EAST BERLIN'S STATUS MIGHT THUS SERVE PURPOSE OF PURELY TACTICAL OFFENSIVE, PARTICULARLY IF IT IS WRITTEN IN MANNER WHICH SHOWS THAT WHILE SOVIETS AND GDR ARE TAKING UP UN OR CONFERENCE'S TIME BY TRYING TO INTRODUCE EXTRANEIOUS BERLIN ISSUES ALLIES ARE EXERCISING RESTRAINT IN TRYING TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS OVER GDR'S LEGALLY QUESTIONABLE RELATIONSHIP TO EAST BERLIN.

4. FINALLY, WHILE WE CONSIDER PAPER IS EXCELLENT IT MAY BE JUST A BIT TOO MEATY FOR SOME THIRD STATES ( AND PERHAPS EVEN ALLIED EMBASSIES WHO MAY BE CALLED UPON TO PRESENT IT) TO SWALLOW WHOLE. CONCEIVABLE A SUCCINCT RESUME TOUCHING ON HIGHLIGHTS, WHICH WE REALIZE IS EASIER TO ASK FOR THAN TO WRITE, MIGHT BE USEFUL AS A COVERING SHEET, WITH BASIC PAPER THEN BEING AVAILABLE FOR SPECIALISTS TO DELVE INTO IN DETAIL. GEORGE

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